

UTILITY PATENT



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **A. AYALA et al.**

Serial No.: **09/760,386**

Examiner: **W. Bray**

Filed: **January 12, 2001**

Group Art Unit: **3725**

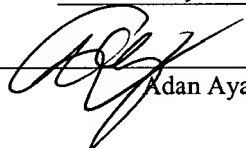
For: **PORTABLE WORK BENCH**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Adan Ayala

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 17, 2001.

Claims 2-7, 13-15, 18-23 and 25-28 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-20 under 35 USC § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1-20 of US Patent No. 5,988,243. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In a preliminary amendment filed with the application, Applicants canceled Claims 1, 8-12, 16-17 and 24 and added Claims 25-28. Applicants attach a copy of the filed preliminary

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 1.

Claim 2, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 3, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 4, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 5, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

Claim 5, line 1: Delete "platform" and substitute therefor -first element--.

Claim 6, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

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Cancel Claims 8-12.

Claim 13, line 1: Delete "1" and substitute therefor -25--.

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